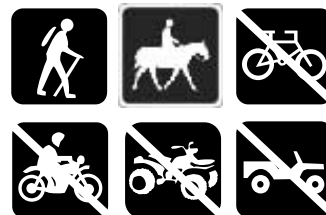




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Cold Lakes Trail #121

Distance: It is 2.2 miles to Lower Cold Lake.

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS Quad: Peck Lake and Piper Crow Pass

Beginning Elevation: 4,928 ft

Ending Elevation: 5,745 ft

Directions: From Highway 83 turn west onto road 903 near mile marker 47. Drive for 2.9 miles and turn right onto 9568. Continue for 3 miles and turn left onto Road #9599. Go 1.5 miles to the end of the road for the trailhead.

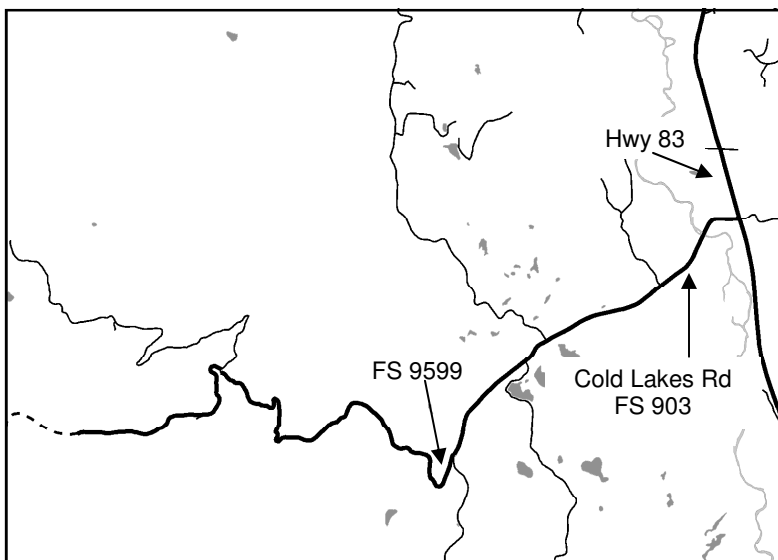
Season: This trail is usually cleared of blowdown and snow free by mid-June.

Regulations: This trail is in the Mission Mountains Wilderness which allows both hiking and horse riding, but prohibits motorized vehicles and mechanized transport which includes mountain bikes. This trail is not recommended for horse use.

There is no camping allowed within a ¼ mile of both of Lower Cold Lake and Upper Cold Lake.

Trail Description:

The trail winds through old-growth spruce forests, with little views until just before the lakes. Expect to encounter wet, muddy trail conditions in the early summer on multiple portions of the trail. The trail has 3 creek crossings, but there are walk-logs over all. There is a seasonal waterfall that flows over cliffs which provides a nice break spot ½ mile above the trailhead. Take note of the 1999 fire across the small meadow 1 ½ miles up the trail. There is a small cascading waterfall just above the inlet of Lower Cold Lake.



Note: Many roads are not displayed.

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LEAVE NO TRACE

